

1 Match the direct speech (1–6) to the reported statements (A–G). There is one extra option.

- 1 'I don't play much.' ...C...
- 2 'We're playing well.'
- 3 'I can win.'
- 4 'We must play well.'
- 5 'We'll win.'
- 6 'I haven't won yet.'

- A She said they had to play well.
- B He said he hadn't won yet.
- C He said he didn't play much.
- D She said they played well.
- E She said they were playing well.
- F She said they would win.
- G He said he could win.

2 Look at the reported sentences and complete the direct speech.

- 1 Hannah told me she was going to join the volleyball club.

Hannah: 'I 'm going to join the volleyball club.'

- 2 Alexander said he didn't have a racket.

Alexander: 'I

- 3 Kiara promised she would come and watch me play.

Kiara: 'I

- 4 Joe told me he hadn't been to a football stadium before.

Joe: 'I

- 5 Lara said she couldn't play because she was injured.

Lara: 'I

3 Read the direct speech. Then complete the reported statements.

- 1 'I've never seen him play so well.'
She said she had never seen him play so well.
- 2 'I love doing sport in the rain.'
He told me that he doing sport in the rain.
- 3 'I trained really hard before the tournament.'
She told us that she really hard before the tournament.
- 4 'I'm going to take a break from sport for a while.'
He announced that he a break from sport for a while.
- 5 'We're building a new stadium.'
The club said they a new stadium.

4 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 I told the referee what the other player says earlier.
I told the referee what the other player had said earlier.
- 2 She said me that it would be a tough match.
- 3 The runner admitted that he was taken a banned substance before the race.
- 4 She explained that it is always her dream to win the tournament.
- 5 My coach just told me to don't worry about the score.

5 Complete Natasha's speech with the words in the box. Then complete the reported speech in the news report about her below.

becoming	can't	going	had
love	want	will	

A
 'Although I ¹ love playing tennis, I ² continue playing forever. I have ³ a lot of injuries in the last two years and it is ⁴ too difficult to play pain-free. This tournament ⁵ be my last one. I ⁶ to thank my coach and my fans. I'm ⁷ to give my all, one last time!'

B

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Former Grand-slam champion Natasha Babikova has just announced that she will retire after next week's Miami Open. In a press conference, she said that although she ¹ loved playing tennis, she ² playing forever. Explaining her decision, she told reporters that she ³ a lot of injuries in the past two years and that it ⁴ too difficult for her to play pain-free. She stated that the Miami Open ⁵ her last one, and she finished by saying that she ⁶ to thank ⁷ coach and fans and promised that she ⁸ to give ⁹ all, one last time.

1

- 2 E
 - 3 G
 - 4 A
 - 5 F
 - 6 B
- not needed: D

2

- 2 don't have a racket
- 3 'll/will come and watch you play
- 4 haven't been to a football stadium before
- 5 can't play because I'm injured

3

- 2 loved
- 3 had trained
- 4 was going to take
- 5 were building

4

- 2 She **said** that it would be a tough match. / She **told** me that it would be a tough match.
- 3 The runner admitted that he **had** taken a banned substance before the race.
- 4 She explained that it **had always been** her dream to win the tournament.
- 5 My coach just told me **not to** worry about the score.

5

- A
- 2 can't
- 3 had
- 4 becoming
- 5 will
- 6 want
- 7 going
- B
- 2 couldn't continue
- 3 had had
- 4 was becoming
- 5 would be
- 6 wanted
- 7 her
- 8 was going
- 9 her